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Section	4	Determination of whether out-of-home placement or care provided by a relative should continue (N.J.A.C. 10:133H-3.4)	

§10:133H-3.4 Determination of whether out-of-home placement or care provided by a relative should continue

(a) In deciding whether the out-of-home placement or care provided by a relative should continue, the Division shall consider and determine the following:

1. The safety of the child;
2. Whether the circumstances and reasons originally necessitating the out-of-home placement or care provided by a relative of the child continue to exist or if additional or different circumstances have occurred which support continued out-of-home placement or care provided by a relative;
3. Whether the Division in the provision of services has made reasonable efforts to return the child home and the failure to achieve that return home is not due to a lack of appropriate Division services or actions, as specified in the case plan, see N.J.A.C. 10:133D-1;
4. Whether the Division has provided ample opportunity for visitation between the child and parent, siblings and relatives, so as to maintain the parent-child and family relationships;
5. Whether continued out-of-home placement or care provided by a relative serves the best interest of the child;
6. Whether a less or more restrictive out-of-home placement would better meet the child's needs;
7. Whether an out-of-home placement or care provided by a relative in closer proximity to the child's family is available and if it would better serve the child's needs; and
8. Whether the child should be placed with any of his or her siblings and what efforts have been made to place the siblings together.

